GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY PARKS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of a `Software Technology Parks`;

(b) the number of such parks in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government have any information regarding income generated by these parks during the last two years;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) whether any such parks have been set up/proposed to be set-up by the Union Government or with the assistance of the Union Government;

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a): Software Technology Parks of India was established and registered as an Autonomous Society on 5th June, 1991 with the objective of establising and managing Infrastructural facilities including High Speed Data Communication facilities and extending other services like technology assessment and professional training to the software sector. The salient features of the STP Scheme are as follows:

- Approval under single window clearance
- 100% foreign equity permitted
- Imports are duty free
- Second hand capital goods can also be imported
- Custom bondling period is for 5 years, extendable to 10 years in case of products requiring significant capital investment and infrastructure.
- Exemption of local taxes for domestic purchases
- Sales in the domestic market permissible upto 50% of the exports
- Exemption from Corporate income tax up to March 2010
- Export obligation on net foreign exchange is US $ 0.25m or 3 times the CIF value of the goods imported, whichever is more to be fulfilled over a period of 5 years.

(b) to (g): : STPI has already set up nineteen STPI Centres as detailed:

S.No.	Centre	State
1.	Bangalore	Karnataka
2.	Pune	Maharashtra
3.	Bhubaneswar	Orissa
4.	Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh
5.	Noida	Uttar Pradesh
6.	Gandhinagar	Gujarat

7	Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala
8.	Chennai	Tamilnadu
9.	Mohali	Punjab
10.	Jaipur	Rajasthan
11.	Navi Mumbai	Maharashtra
12.	Coimbatore	Tamilnadu
13.	Manipal	Karnataka
14.	Mysore	Karnataka
15.	Guwahati	Assam
16.	Vizag	Andhra Pradesh
17.	Indore	Madhya Pradesh
18.	Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir
19.	Calcutta	West Bengal

Further during the year 2000-2001, the Central assistance has been provided for setting up the following STP centres:

S.No.	Location	State
1.	Guwahati	Assam
2.	Indore	Madhya Pradesh
3.	Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir
4.	Hubli	Karnataka
5.	Shimla	Himachal Pradesh
6.	Pondicherry	Pondicherry
7	Aurangabad	Maharashtra
8.	Nagpur	Maharashtra

In addition the following STP centres are proposed to be set up by STPI with the assistance from the concerned State Government:

S.No.	Centre	State
1.	Nasik	Maharashtra
2.	Kolhapur	Maharashtra
3.	Warangal	Andhra Pradesh
4.	Tirupati	Andhra Pradesh
5.	Vijayawada	Andhra Pradesh
6.	Dehradun	Uttarnchal

7	Mangalore	Karnataka
8.	Jammu	Jammu & Kashmir
9.	Rourkela	Orissa
10.	Calcutta	West Bengal
11.	Gurgaon	Haryana
12.	Agartala	Tripura
13.	Shillong	Meghalaya
14.	Gangtok	Sikkim
15.	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
16.	Gwalior	Madhya Pradesh
17.	Trichy	Tamilnadu
18.	Madurai	Tamilnadu
19.	Thirunavelli	Tamilnadu
20.	Salem	Tamilnadu

The Member units of STPI have exported software o f over Rs.11,607 crores during the year 1999-2000. The export figure of Rs.11,607 crores from STP units represents approximately 68% of the National Software Export. The State-wise details are given in the Annexure.